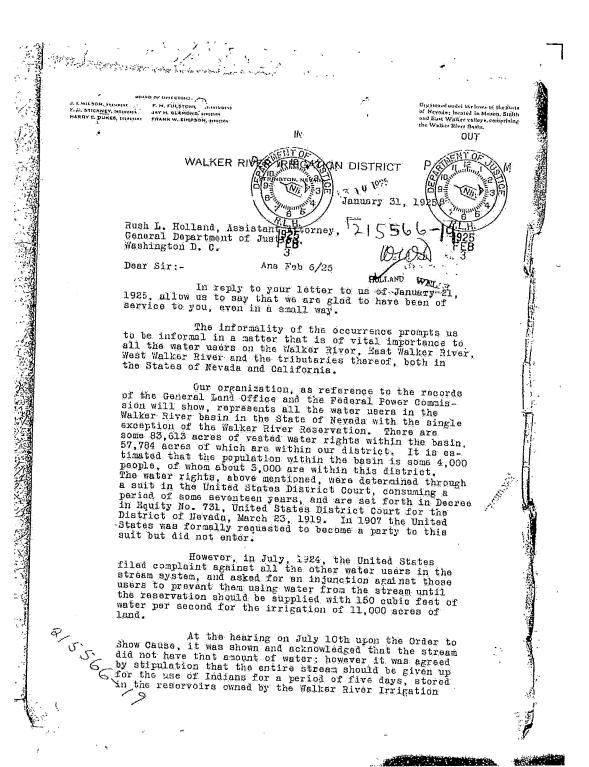
## EXHIBIT 21

Letter dated January 31, 1925 to Rush L. Holland, Assistant Attorney General, from Walker River Irrigation District



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District, and delivered in as compact a body as possible to the reservation: The attempt was made; the result was that not a single drop of water reached the reservation but that the entire amount of water was completely lost. The season of 1924 was one of extreme drouth; the weather bursau records showing that it was the driest year in forty seven years.

The resition of the reorie in the district is this: The first white settlers came into this country and settled along about 1855 to 1850. The dates of priority given for the vested rights in Decree No. 731, above referred to, began in the year 1860. Of course the lands, when first settled upon, were unsurveyed and it was many years before petents could be obtained. Afterwards a large portion of the lands were taken up under the Desert Land Laws, and all the water rights of the white settlers were acquired through "local customs, laws, and decisions of the courts," as repeation of the people, defendants in this case, is not that the lands of the Walker River Reservation are not entitled to water, but that they are only entitled to water which they have applied to beneficial use, under the "local customs, laws, and decisions of the courts," above referred to.

The "Findings of Fact" in Decree No. 751 above referred to, shows that the reservation was entitled to the use of water for 1995 acres of various priorities ranging from 1868 to 1625, and we believe that the reports of the superintendent of the reservation, will show that there is, at present, not to excede 2,000 acres of land under cultivation. Our people are perfectly willing to grant that such is the case, or are willing to admit any other acreage that the facts might show, but they do not believe, end cannot believe, that the Federal Covernment is willing or desirous of depriving them of the water to which they believe they have acquired a title through beneficial use with the Compensation, particularly so when it is within the possibilities and within reason to protect the Indians of the reservation by the expenditure of a compensatively small amount of money through the building of storage reservoirs. There is ample water supply, and to spare, for the reservation if the supply is properly conserved. A degree of the year 1859 awarded to the reservation, under present circumstances would practically devastate this region.

Trusting that you will give this case the care-ful thought and attention that it deserves, I am

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Secretary

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